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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

We, Stefan Lauxtermann, Steve Tanner and Joachim Grupp  
\_\_\_\_\_, joint inventors herein, hereby  
declare that:

Our residence, post office address and citizenship are as  
stated below next to our names.

We believe that we are the original, first and joint  
inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a  
patent is sought on the invention entitled

" METHOD FOR OPERATING A CMOS IMAGE SENSOR ",

the specification of which is attached hereto.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the  
contents of the above identified specification, including the  
claims, as amended by any amendment referred to in this declara-  
tion.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is  
material to the examination of this application in accordance with  
Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56(a).

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35,  
United States Code §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or  
inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below  
any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having  
a filing date before that of the application on which priority is  
claimed:

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We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States  
Code §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and,  
insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this

application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code §112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

<u>U.S. Serial No.</u>	<u>U.S. Filing Date</u>	<u>Status</u>
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We hereby appoint RICHARD K. ROBINSON, (Registration No. 28,109), DENNIS T. GRIGGS (Registration No. 27,790) and MICHELLE LARSON (Registration No. 36,193) our attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. Send all correspondence to:

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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issued thereon.

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